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Gary,

As you know we've had a difficult time obtaining bids to remove the oily waste at the refinery. With the exception of Tank 20 (a small 5,000 barrel tank) all that's left in the tanks is oily waste, sludge and sediment that cannot be disposed of via deep well injection. Unfortunately we do not know how much waste, sludge and sediment remains in the tanks.

We've been trying to get bids to dispose of the waste but without an accurate volume of waste we haven't been able to get an reasonable estimate of the final disposal cost. That's about to change.

To get a handle on the remaining waste, next week on the 24th we're going to be transferring the remaining oily waste in Tanks 10, 26, 27 and 30 into Tank 7 on the north site. The plan is to put the waste into the tank, get a volume of waste and then bring in either an oil water separator or a centrifuge (or both) to separate the oil, water and sediment for disposal. The water waste can be deep well injected, the oil can either be reclaimed or incinerated and the sediment will be disposed of properly. Any waste will be dealt with only at facilities that are CERCLA approved and we will notify you prior to any disposal.

After the oily waste is removed from Tanks 10, 26, 27 and 30 each of the tanks will be cleaned and an inspection of the integrity of each of the tanks will be performed.

We will provide you with updates as the transfer, clean out and disposal activities are performed.

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